

Agenda

2026 New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference

Check-In, Breakfast, & Poster Sessions....8:30 - 9:45 am

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Exhibitor Networking8:30 - 9:45 am

Welcome & Keynote.....10:00 - 11:00 am

- *Overextended and Under-Resourced: Redefining Success on Our Own Terms - Eamon Tewell, Columbia University Libraries*
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Breakout Session I.....11:10 - 12:00 pm

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- **B06.** Information Literacy 3.0: Student Empowerment for Lifelong Learning in the Age of AI..... **Exhibit Hall**
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- **B07.** Consulting and Collaborating on Supporting Systematic Reviews over a Decade.....211
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 - **b.** AI in Action: Creating Instructional Videos for Libraries
 - Lo, M.L.

Lunch & Organizational Updates.....12:00 - 1:00 pm

Updates from VALE, NJLA, NJSL, NJASL, LLNJ, & NJAL

Exhibitor Networking.....1:00 - 1:30 pm

Breakout Session II.....1:45 - 2:35 pm

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 - Mooneyhan, Z., & Jones, K.
 - **b.** Graduate Student Success – What does it look like?
 - Hagerstrom, J.
 - **c.** Library Displays as Instructional Tools
 - Fischer, C.
- **Round Tables**.....**Exhibit Hall**
 - **RT01.** It Takes a Village: Improving Access to Archival and Unique Collections through Collaboration
 - Moderators: Lynch, K., & Getaz, C.
 - **RT02.** Reference & Research Services in an AI-Enhanced World
 - Moderators: Louderback, J., & Toro, S.



Breakout Session III.....2:45 – 3:35 pm

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 - **b.** Leading with Care: Person-Centered Appraisals as a Lever for Culture Change in Academic Libraries
 - Williams, S.

Post Conference Networking.....3:45 – 4:30 pm

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